

**FALLSTON COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 23, 2018**

Chairman Dave Williams called the meeting of the Fallston Community Advisory Board (Board), held at the Fallston Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company (FVFC), to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members Larry Keckler and Joyce Eaton were also present, as were John Richter, representing the County Executive, Susan Sapp, representing the County Council, and Jessica Blake, representing Councilman Woods.

The minutes of the November 28, 2017 meeting were approved.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Board would be held March 27, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the FVFAC.

Chairman Williams recognized former long-time Board member Larry Kreis. Mr. Kreis recently submitted his resignation to the Board due to his appointment as a judge for the Harford County Circuit Court. The Board congratulated Judge Kreis on his appointment and thanked him for his lengthy service and contributions to the Board.

Lt. Steve Dunlop of the Harford County Sheriff's office presented crime statistics for the Fallston area for the period December 16, 2017 through January 16, 2018. There were 550 calls for service during this period, the top three reasons being alarm activations, suspicious activity, and animal complaints. There were eight Part One crimes investigated - one burglary, six thefts, and one auto theft. Lt. Dunlop also reported on several scams that have been reported in the area, including phone calls from scammers indicating that a relative has been taken hostage and demanding payment for the relative's release.

Ms. Sapp presented written highlights of the last four County Council meetings, a copy of which is attached. The highlights of the January 2, 2018 meeting include a notation that legislation has been introduced to eliminate the Fallston Commercial Corridor Sanitary Subdistrict.

Ms. Blake reported on the proposal to eliminate the Fallston sewer subdistrict as discussed in the previous paragraph.

Mr. Richter reported that the first County-owned ambulance went into service at the beginning of the year. The ambulance currently operates out of a Forest Hill industrial park.

Mr. Williams reported on activities of the FVFAC:

December was busy with all of the community "Santa Runs". FVFAC also assisted the Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company with some of its "Santa Runs". One

citizen voiced a complaint on social media that the “Santa Runs” were a waste of money.

Mr. Williams reported that fire prevention efforts seem to be working as there have been no structure fires in the Fallston area since May, 2016.

A brief update was provided regarding a recent criminal case involving sexual impropriety of four members. The four members have resigned or been suspended and the FVFAC is fully cooperating with law enforcement. Mr. Williams reported that the community remains very supportive of the FVFAC.

The FVFAC recently underwent a restructuring of its leadership. Of 18 leadership positions, only six remained in leadership positions and 12 members were newly appointed to leadership positions. As a result of the restructuring, Mr. Williams was appointed Chief of the FVFAC. The Board congratulated Chief Williams on his appointment.

Mr. Williams reported on the new Maryland law, which requires that all smoke detectors sold in Maryland must now contain a sealed 10-year battery. The American Red Cross has made a supply of these new smoke detectors available to the FVFAC, who will install them in homes free of charge upon request. The smoke detectors are only free to homeowners if the FVFAC installs them. They will not be handed out to homeowners for self-installation. The Red Cross will provide a smoke detector for each floor of a home, up to a total of three per household. The FVFAC has installed smoke detectors in approximately 15 homes so far and has several more scheduled. It is believed that the FVFAC is the only County fire department providing this service thus far.

The Board discussed the fact that several Board members have not attended meetings in quite some time. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Richter, Chairman Williams will send a letter to those members and inquire as to whether they would like to remain on the Board and become active members once again. If some choose not to remain on the Board, Chairman Williams will coordinate with Mr. Richter for new appointments. It was also decided that a meeting reminder would be emailed to each Board member approximately two weeks before each meeting. Ms. Blake volunteered to send that reminder.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.